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***GOVERNOR WILL BACK CHANGE IN 2007 AZ TAX DEADLINE
Gives Taxpayers Until Tuesday, April 17 to file***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has announced she will seek emergency legislation to change the date Arizonans file state income tax returns this year. Upon passage of the legislation, the new filing date will be Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

The move allows Arizona to conform to a this-year-only change in federal tax rules.

Background:

Here's the reason the change is necessary: Under a recent law, the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) will observe Monday, April 16th as Emancipation Day and as a legal holiday. Under another already-existing federal law, any legal holiday in the District of Columbia is treated as a holiday for federal tax filing purposes. So, for this year, the IRS has already announced that the deadline for filing federal taxes is April 17, 2007.

Although it sounds complicated, it isn't. The Arizona change simply means that Arizona taxpayers get the same extension. Arizona taxes will need to be filed by April 17th – the same day federal taxes are due.

"People have enough to worry about, without having to figure out separate tax deadlines," said Governor Napolitano. "This way, there's only one deadline Arizonans will need to remember, and that's midnight on Tuesday, April 17th."

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